Mark and List Your Valuables Now, Police Urge

Every person in Greater Victoria who owns small, valuable articles should have a list of serial numbers for indentification in case the articles are stolen, Det. Nap Bouchard warned last night.

He listed portable record players, portable radios, transister radios, cameras, binoculars, light meters, small electrical appliances, typewriters, small firearms, watches and clocks and even car hubcaps as items which are commonly stolen.

"People should have a list of serial numbers of all their property so that if it is stolen they can help the police by making positive identification," he said.

In 1958 a total of 23 cameras were reported stolen, ranging from box cameras to expensive miniature cameras. Of these only five owners were able to supply serial numbers.

"People come in and tell us something is stolen and ask us to locate it. It's like saying 'My blue Ford has been stolen, find it'," he said.

Small, valuable items without serial numbers like jewelry and hubcaps should be marked with the owner's initials or some identification mark.

"Hubcaps for some luxury cars cost as much as $82.35 each, plus tax," he continued. "It only takes a few minutes to remove the hubcaps and scratch initials in them."

Yes, Det. Bouchard has a list of the serial numbers of all small, valuable items in his own home.

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Cleaning Agents Produce Chlorine

Teacher Poison-Gassed

A Sidney kindergarten teacher is recovering at the home of friends in Victoria from chlorine gas lung poisoning suffered when she mixed two cleaning agents at her home.

The accident occurred when Mrs. G. E. Heal, 7843 East Saanich Road, was cleaning her kitchen sink. To a preparation for bleaching enamel she added hot water and household bleach.

Overcome by the fumes she realized she had been poisoned. Reading antidote instructions on the container, she ran to a nearby store to get what was necessary, but collapsed on arrival there.

Central Saanich ambulance rushed her to Royal Jubilee Hospital, where the attending doctor said hers was the first such case he'd seen since the chlorine gas attacks of the First World War.

Because of the mishap, the kindergarten operated by Mrs. Heal since last fall has been closed for the balance of the term.

Teens Dance Tonight

The annual series of Friday night student dances starts tonight at 8 p.m. at Memorial Arena.

Tonight's dance, which is "expected to draw at least 1,200 teens" ends at 11 p.m., said Kenneth Noakes who is in charge of the affair.

Participants must be properly dressed with their hair propertly groomed, he stressed.

"Ordinary street clothes are fine, but no person wearing blue jeans, pedal pushers and such forms of clothing will be admitted," he said.

The music for tonight's dancing will be in the form of records supplied by the arena, but in the following weeks, Mr. Noakes said, the various high schools will be responsible for the program.

Shocked by Park Vandalism, Committee Will Probe Cost

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No Commerce

Clover Point Unblemished

Commerce on Clover Point?

Never, said Ald. D. J. Proudfoot yesterday, and Ald. Mrs. Lily Wilson agreed with him.

They wouldn't even go along with Ald. M. H. Mooney's suggestion that parks committee should look into the conditions of Victoria's lease of the property from the federal government, to see if a tea-room or pavilion or even an auditorium would be permitted.

SEASIDE RECREATION

The lease allows developments appropriate to a seaside recreation ground, and city manager C. C. Wyatt recalled that "numerous times people have said how desirable it would be to have a restaurant on Clover Point."

"As I see it, there's nothing to stop us putting an auditorium there," said Ald. Mooney.

I'M AGAINST

"I'm against putting any building of any sort there," said Ald. Proudfoot. "Let's get away from this kind of thing, trying to make an odd penny. It's beautiful now. Let's not spoil it."

"I would not like any commercial venture there at all. It would spoil it," said Ald. Wilson. "It's for recreation, and it's beautiful."

W. H. WARREN
. . . cites vandalism

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Big Year For Trees

City parks department has planted more than 1,400 trees so far this spring, "the heaviest planting in 20 years," parks administrator W. H. Warren reported yesterday to parks committee. More than 350 have been planted in parks, and 1,060 in boulevards, he said.

Windows, Seats Smashed

Shocked by the toll of vandalism in one park for one month, city parks committee decided yesterday to try to find out how much Victoria taxpayers have to pay in a year for vandalism and untidiness in the parks.

"I don't think people realize how much it costs them," said Ald. Mrs. Lily Wilson.

Parks administrator W. H. Warren was asked to make an estimate.

Mr. Warren gave the committee a list of vandalism in Beacon Hill Park in March, which he said was a "routine report."

It included:

Five windows smashed at the lookout and one in a sports hut.

Cricket field damaged three times by cars driven on it.

Six windows broken and door forced at a tool shed.

Thirty-six polyanthus plants pulled out at the bandstand.

Eight seats thrown into Goodacre Lake.

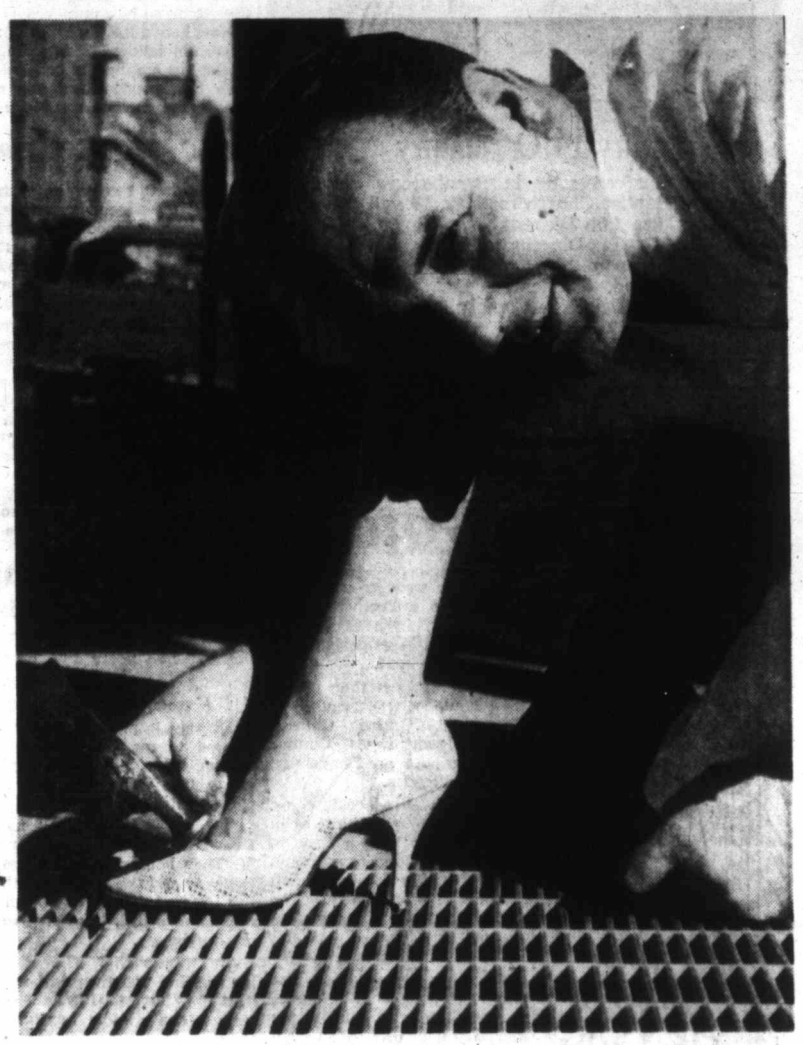
Three cement tables turned over.

All small bleachers at the Heywood field turned over and badly sprung.

Three no-parking signs taken or destroyed.

Eighteen wooden pick-no-flowers signs stolen, and 16 paper signs torn down.

Two thousand daffodil blooms stolen or destroyed.



On the Spot to Aid a Lady

On the spot to aid a lady in distress yesterday was Jack Phillion, manager of a Fort Street shoe repair clinic which is swamped with repairs to women's high heels caught in sidewalk gratings. The not-too-strong plastic heels often snap on smooth pavements, too, but the gratings are taking a heavy toll. And heels cost about $1.50 to replace. — (Colonist photo.)

Planner Promoted

McKinnon Named Chief Forester

New chief forester of British Columbia is Findlay S. McKinnon, 55, who has been promoted from the post of assistant chief forester in charge of the technical planning branch of the B.C. forest service.

Appointment was made yesterday by Lands and Forests Minister Ray Williston and was effective as of April 1.

Deputy minister of forests R. G. McKee had carried on as acting chief forester since he was appointed deputy last September.

The new chief forester was born in Nanaimo and first came to the forest service on summer work between 1926 and 1929 while attending Oregon State College School of Forestry and upon graduation entered the B.C. forest service as a junior forester.

He later obtained a master of forestry degree at Harvard School of Forestry. He has been assistant chief forester since 1952.

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F. S. McKINNON
. . . native son

Once Was Started

Beaver Lake Golf Idea Revived

Idea of having a golf course at Beaver Lake was revived yesterday.

The city once started to build a golf course there, and although many years have gone by, part of its shape can still be distinguished.

Ald. M. H. Mooney suggested yesterday that the Victoria-Saanich beaches and parks committee be authorized to investigate the possibility of "having another course set up."

"I think it would get a lot of support, and it would be another place for recreation," he said. He added that he thought it would not cost the city any money.

"I'm against council doing anything that deprives private enterprise of coming in," said Ald. D. J. Proudfoot, "but I'll go whole hog with you providing you can get private enterprise to do it."

'Dazed' Man Found

A search was launched in the Goldstream flats area last night after a driver "vanished" from a car-moving van collision on the Malahat that sent sent one man to hospital.

RCMP, South Vancouver Island Rangers members and volunteer motorists combed the flats area after the driver of the car disappeared from the accident scene on Tunnel Hill on the Island Highway.

Police said an unidentified man was later picked up on the highway in a dazed condition.

The injured man, Joel Vinge, 21, of Vancouver, reported to have been a passenger in the nearly-demolished car was pinned in the vehicle when his foot got jammed in a crumpled door.

Rescuers R. R. Lally, 1368 Grant, and Dave Rees, 1010 Salsbury, cut his shoe off to free him from the wrecked car.

Authorities at St. Joseph's Hospital where he was taken by Langford ambulance said he was in "satisfactory" condition last night with lacerations and leg injuries.

William Coward, 3181-B Metchosin Road, driver of the semi-trailer moving van, was uninjured.

He said the car hit the big van with such force it moved the heavy vehicle "a foot off the road."

FRANK ELLIS

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Seen in Passing

Frank Ellis all set for gardening. (A retired merchant seaman and veteran of two world wars, he lives at 139 Menzies, with his wife **Helen**. Eleven grown children are out on their own. Along with gardening Frank enjoys sailing in his spare time) . . . **Ailsa Roberts** and son **Peter** hurrying home for lunch . . . **Chuck MacLeod** battling a dose of flu . . . **Bob Morris** delighted with the summer weather . . . **Al Archbold** busy answering telephones . . . **Art Williams** testing his outboard motor . . . **Bill Anderson** planning a steelhead fishing trip . . . **Ruth Lohr** and **Margaret Strong** considering, and rejecting, an impulse to "play hookey" on such a fine day . . . **Mrs. Linnea Sutherland** talking about gardens versus dogs.

Downfall for High Heels

Street Grates Vogue Villain

Sidewalk gratings over city manholes are proving disastrous to the pencil-slim heels now in vogue for women.

It seems the holes in the gratings are just the right size to trap the heels of fashionable shoes. And the heels are getting slimmer.

City shoe repair shops yesterday reported a rash of heel repairs for women's shoes, and some of the damage was blamed on sidewalk gratings.

Stevenson's Shoe Clinic on Fort Street averages some 200 stilt heel repairs a week, many of them snapped off in gratings.

Bob Hawkes of Trounce Alley handles 25 to 30 pairs of heels a week.

"They're driving us crazy," he said. "Women catch them in those grates. Most of our repair jobs were torn off that way."

A spokesman for the B.C. Electric company, which is installing the much maligned grates as ventilation for underground transformer installations, and manhole covers, last night pointed out that the gratings were approved by city council.

Mrs. Inez Ord, secretary to city engineer James Garnett, acted as a consultant when Mr. Garnett's department approved the gratings.

Wearing the thinnest heels available at the time, about three years ago, Mrs. Ord walked across several gratings, rejecting one.

But since then heels on women's shoes have been getting thinner and thinner. And the holes in the gratings have stayed the same size.

And, the BCE spokesman added as a sombre footnote, the holes can't be any smaller or the air flow will be insufficient to cool down the underground transformers.

Best advice of the lot came from Mrs. Ord. "Personally, I avoid walking over them," she said.

Beautiful Weather May Be at an End

Clouds and a slight drop in temperature are expected to mar Victoria's recent weather picture, a meteorological office spokesman predicted last night.

Yesterday's high temperature of 67.9 is a new record for April 9, the previous record being 65.6 degrees recorded on April 9, 1921.

Realtors Fight Ribbon Growth

The Real Estate Board of Victoria has asked the provincial government to institute a firm and far-sighted planning, zoning and utilization authority to control ribbon development on B.C. highways.

Victoria realtor Philip Holmes said yesterday that although the new Trans-Canada Highway from Victoria to Goldstream is only a few years old, it is a good example of spreading bad ribbon development.

He said the Victoria resolution will be presented to the B.C. Association of Real Estate Boards at convention at Harrison Hot Springs Sunday, Monday and Tuesday for endorsation.

SEEKS CONTROL

The resolution asks the government to control development within a sufficiently effective distance on either side of main highways.

It also asks for more restriction on access roads and that consideration be given to increasing the width of major highway rights-of-ways to take full advantage and retain the natural splendor of lands as viewed from the highways.

Linen Loot Turns Up

About $200 worth of linen, towels, bedspreads and throw rugs which disappeared mysteriously from MacMillan's Auto Court, Gorge Road, Monday night, reappeared just as mysteriously Wednesday night.

The goods were stacked neatly outside the room from which they were originally stolen.

Youth Squirts Acid Into City Man's Eye

Police are looking for a youth who fired acid from a water pistol into the face of a Victoria man waiting for a bus at a downtown corner, last night.

In St. Joseph's Hospital with a serious eye injury was George Atherton, 2841 Shelbourne. Doctors said the eye had been burned by a "weak acid" and required treatment.

The injured man told police he was waiting for a bus at Yates and Government at 7 p.m. when a youth leaned out of a passing car and "shot" a water pistol at him.

He said he felt a burning sensation when the liquid from the pistol hit his eye and was forced to seek treatment when the pain "got worse."

Volunteer Firemen Plan Association

Representatives of View Royal, Central Saanich, Sidney, Sooke, Langford and Colwood volunteer fire departments met in the View Royal hall yesterday to form a Lower Vancouver Island Volunteer Fire Department Association.

Purpose of the association is to provide closer co-operation between departments, a spokesman said.

Cerebral Palsy in Spotlight For Week Starting May 3

May 3 to 9 has been proclaimed Cerebral Palsy Week in British Columbia and during that time special effort will be made to draw public attention to that crippling disease.

Cerebral palsy is a general term for a group of disorders caused by damage to the brain, but it is neither contagious nor hereditary.

With proper treatment and training many of the children stricken by cerebral palsy can be rehabilitated to take their place in the economic, social and cultural life of the community.

In Victoria there is a special cerebral palsy clinic at Royal Jubilee Hospital and the Cerebral Palsy Association has rehabilitated many stricken youngsters.

But more help and understanding is needed to further their work, a spokesman said.